

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF POLO HELD IN THE CITY HALL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 115 S. FRANKLIN AVE., POLO, ILLINOIS, DECEMBER 21, 2015.**

**INVOCATION:**

Mayor Doug Knapp gave invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor Knapp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Knapp called the regular meeting of the Polo City Council to order at 7:00p.m. on Monday, December 21, 2015.

**PRESENT:** Alderman David Aceberg, Alderman Phillip Peterson, Alderman Jim Busser, Alderman Troy Boothe, Alderperson Cheryl Galor and Alderman Randy Schoon. Also present was Mayor Doug Knapp, City Attorney Tom Suits and City Clerk Susie Corbitt.

**ABSENT:** None.

**APPROVAL OF THE 12/07/15 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

Alderman Dave Aceberg made a motion to accept the minutes of the 12/07/15 regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE NOVEMBER 2015 TREASURER'S REPORT TO FILE FOR AUDIT:**

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the November 2015 treasurer's report as presented to file for audit, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF THE LSIT OF BILLS:**

Mayor Knapp asked if there were any bills to add to the list of bills: Alderman Dave Aceberg added a bill to Birkey's Farm Store in the amount of \$13.20 for the street department, Alderman Phil Peterson added a bill to Humana Health Care in the amount of \$15,075.44 for all departments and Alderman Randy Schoon added a bill to Viking Chemical in the amount of \$2,184.46 for the water department.

Alderman Dave Aceberg made a motion to accept the list of bills as amended, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman David Aceberg yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes. The motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets and Sidewalks:**

None.

**Finance & Ordinances:**

Alderman Phillip Peterson reported that the city has received the release of the critical revenues the state owes to local governments for; State Use Tax for June through August in the amount \$12,970.02, Video Gaming for June through October in the amount \$8,983.40, and Motor Fuel Funds (MFT) in the amount of \$26,326.03 for July through November 2015.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

Alderman Jim Busser reported the City approved building permits for a temporary wheel chair ramp and an electrical upgrade.

**Police:**

Alderman Troy Boothe was asked by a citizen why no action was taken on the miscellaneous suggestions that were in the PD survey done by Mr. Kurt Cavanaugh and were not followed up on. Alderman Boothe stated with and a decision on the Chief of Polo description tonight then we will follow up on these other suggestions. He also reported that signage is posted for the snow fall emergency and golf cart usage.

**Sanitation:**

None.

**Parks & Pool:**

None.

**Water & Sewer:**

None.

**City Clerk's Report:**

None.

**Police Chief's Report:**

None.

**SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:**

None.

**COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Consideration & Possible Action on a Job Description for the Chief of Police for the City of Polo Police Department.**

Alderman Randy Schoon made a suggestion that in this day and age when we try and protect our schools that we also need a uniformed officer here at every council meeting. Suggestion was held to have an officer with his badge visible and being armed is what is necessary, not in uniform. This could be any officer that is not on his regular scheduled evening to work because they get called out. Consensus of the City Council is to start this presence for the entire meeting, not just part of it.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to approve the job description for the Chief of Police for the Polo Police Department as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Consideration & Possible Action on the Resignation of Water/Sewer Employee Tim Merrell.**

Mayor Doug Knapp read the resignation of Mr. Tim Merrell, a city of Polo water and sewer employee as he has been hired at the Ogle County Highway Department.

Alderman Dave Ackeberg made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Tim Merrell with regret's effective as of 12/18/15, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to adjourn at 7:18pm from the regular city council meeting, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried

Respectfully submitted,  
Susie Corbitt, MMC